



# Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

Year B

11th April 2021

### Weekend Masses

#### Saturday Vigil

5pm Hanmer Springs  
(Every Saturday)

6:30pm Culverden  
(1st Sunday 2nd & 3rd  
Saturdays)

#### Sunday Mass

9am Amberley  
(Every Sunday)

11am Cheviot  
(1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays Only)

10.30am Hawarden  
(4th Sunday Only)

11.30am Waiau  
(5th Sunday Only)

12pm Sanctuary of  
Fourvière, Leithfield

### Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday  
7am Amberley  
(see next page also)

Tuesday - Saturday  
12pm Sanctuary of  
Fourvière, Leithfield

### Reconciliation

By Appointment  
or before Mass  
(but not the last 5 Minutes!)

### Rosary

Wednesday  
1:30pm Amberley  
Church Hall

### Peace Be With You...

It has been said, "To err is human, to forgive Divine". Pope St John Paul II knew this well, and he designated the Sunday after Easter as 'Divine Mercy Sunday'. It is not a coincidence that the Gospel reading (John 20:19-31) for Divine Mercy Sunday highlights God's mercy! The Gospel passage is a post Resurrection episode in which Christ our Lord instituted the sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation (Confession). The passage not only revealed Our Lord's mercy, but also His seeking out and comforting the Apostles who were in hiding and fear. Instead of castigating them for their lack of faith, for abandoning him and denying Him during His passion, He invites them with his message of peace; "Peace be with you." From this point onward, they were no longer afraid.



We will not find peace until we find it in Jesus – the Prince of Peace. 'Know God, know peace... No God, No Peace' as the catch phrase goes. The Easter message for us today is to seek our peace in Him, and peace in Divine Mercy.

May the Divine Mercy remain always with us.

Fr Michael

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS** All parishioners are invited to the annual celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday at the Pro-Cathedral 11 April. Reconciliation from 1.30pm. Chaplet of Mercy 2.45pm Mass 3pm. Note some road closures in the area and earlier time for Mass.

#### TODAY'S READINGS:

**FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35**  
*The whole group was united, heart and soul.*

**Psalm Response:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**SECOND READING: John 5:1-6**  
*Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.*

**GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**  
*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

#### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

277 Easter Glory Fills the Sky (Vs1,2,3,8)  
776 I will come to you in the Silence  
368 Regina Caeli

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

**April**  
9 Movie Nite  
11 Kalavale  
**May**  
4 FHC Meeting

**WEEKDAY MASSES** from Monday to Friday 12th to 16th April are cancelled. Fr Michael is attending a Police Chaplain Conference in Wellington.

**THIS SUNDAY** Join us for the Kalavale raffle and a cup of tea in the Amberley church hall. All parishioners are welcome after 9am Mass on the first Sunday of the Month. The raffle supports the Tongan Mission run by the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary. It is a great social occasion for parishioners while raising funds for those in need.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RECONCILIATION**  
Apologies if you were confused by the two dates that was published. There is another opportunity for the two who did not make it to attend on Tuesday 20th April @7.00pm. Those who have been can use the opportunity to go again if they wish too (including Parents!)

**MASS OFFERING CARDS** these are available from the parish office.

**ROLL UPDATE** if you have changed your contact details recently or know of a parishioner who has moved to or from your church area, please contact the parish office to let us know.

#### **DID YOU KNOW? The Divine Mercy Image**

On 22 February 1931, Jesus appeared to Sr Faustina Kowalska a young Polish nun of the Congregation of Our Lady of Mercy, while she was in her convent cell in Poland. She noted in her diary: "In the evening, when I was in my cell (personal room in the convent), I saw the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in the gesture of blessing; the other was touching the garment at the breast. From beneath the garment, slightly drawn aside at the breast, there were emanating two large rays, one red, the other pale.

In silence I kept my gaze fixed on the Lord; my soul was struck with awe, but also with great joy. After a while, Jesus said to me, "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: "Jesus, I trust in You".

Jesus went on to say: I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and then throughout the world" *Diary of Sister Faustina, Note no. 47.*

Sr Faustina's confessor asked her to ask JESUS about the meaning of the pale and red rays emanating from His pierced Heart and Jesus explained to her,

"The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls... These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross" *Diary of Sister Faustina, Note no. 299.*

**WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL** Joshua Men's Fellowship 7.15 pm Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April, Christ the King Centre, Burnside. Join like-minded Catholic men as we explore what The Resurrection means for me. More info? Phone Chris on 027-646-4138.

**RETREAT DAY FOR MEN** of all ages. Saturday 8 May 2021 at the Fourviere Retreat Centre, Leithfield, led by Fr. John O'Connor reflecting on Pope Francis' letter for the Year of St. Joseph. Cost - donation (which will include lunch). Register by email to Alex achia@cdoc.nz or Phone 0211757121.

**ST BEDE'S 51 YEAR REUNION** of the 1970 year group will be held over the weekend of 7th to 9th May 2021. Contact Sandy Jefferies for more info'. Phone: 03 375 0647 ext 807

**5TH ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR MSGR. GERRY O'CONNOR** will be celebrated on Monday 12th April 2021 at 7pm at St Patrick's Church Greymouth, Supper to follow. More details to come.

**DIO DATE NIGHT** is back by Popular Demand! The JP2 Dio Date Night is an opportunity to celebrate and build up your marriage while enjoying great food and company. Date: 15<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm-11pm. Rata Lounge, Cashmere. Cost \$85 per couple includes nibbles, dinner and dessert. Spaces are limited so please register promptly and pay by 7<sup>th</sup> May. To register: [www.facebook.com/jp2centre](http://www.facebook.com/jp2centre) or phone 351 3225

**COUPLES FOR CHRIST Christian Life Programme for Married Couples.** Married couples are invited to the CFC annual Christian Life Programme to develop and strengthen their Catholic Faith in their marriage. St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 31 Gerald Street, Lincoln on 15<sup>th</sup> May to 24<sup>th</sup> of July. Contact Joseph on 0212371550 or Cyrene 0275550551

**SOLEMN PROFESSION** You are warmly invited to the Solemn Profession of Sister Anne Teresa of St Joseph at The Carmelite Monastery, 52 Halswell Road at 11am on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May (Feast of St Joseph the Worker). Apostolic Administrator Paul Martin SM will preside at a concelebrated Mass. Refreshment will follow. Everyone is most welcome, and we look forward to you joining us on this joyful occasion.

**THE PARISH TO PARISH BED AND BREAKFAST BOOK** is available with nearly 200 homes in NZ and Australia for catholic hospitality, \$35 a night for one person or \$30 each for 2 or more persons this includes continental breakfast, I would welcome new hosts to join us. For information or to purchase a book (\$15 includes postage) contact Marie Anderson 2 Brent Place, Christchurch 8053, Ph. 359 5541, or email [marie.ian@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marie.ian@xtra.co.nz)

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